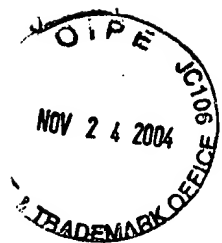


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In response to the Office Action, dated 25 August 2004, Applicants herewith submit the following papers:

1. Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (23 sheets); and
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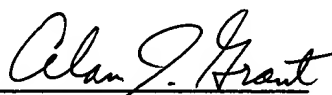
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In response to the Office Action, dated 25 August 2004, Applicant responds by requesting that the application be amended as follows: